

## **Negative Declaration**

This statement and attachments constitute the Negative Declaration as proposed for adoption by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) for the project described below.

**Posting Date:** June 19, 2006  
**To State Clearinghouse:** June 19, 2006  
**Comment Period:** June 19, 2006 to July 16, 2006  
**Public Hearing:** August 8 and 9, 2006  
**Proposed Adoption Date:** August 8 or 9, 2006

**Project Name:** **Watershed-Wide Waste Discharge Requirements for Timber Harvest Activities Conducted by, or on lands owned by, the Green Diamond Resource Company in the South Fork Elk River Watershed**

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**Project Description:** The project consists of the adoption of a proposed order for watershed-wide waste discharge requirements for timber harvest activities to meet specified discharge prohibitions, receiving water limitations, conditions, and provisions, pursuant to California Water Code section 13263. Any such watershed-wide waste discharge requirements issued pursuant to this code section would be determined by the Regional Water Board to prescribe requirements necessary to protect the quality and beneficial uses of the waters of the State, and to implement the applicable Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) and other applicable water quality laws. The proposed watershed-wide waste discharge requirements would be conditional, and coverage for any individual activity may be terminated at any time for cause by the Regional Water Board or its Executive Officer.

**Project Location:** South Fork Elk River watershed, tributary to Elk River, and thence to Humboldt Bay, Humboldt County. For purposes of this Order, the term "South Fork Elk River watershed" refers to the area comprised of the Lower South Fork Elk River (1110.000302) and Upper South Fork Elk River (1110.000301) planning watersheds (CalWater V2.2).

**Environmental Finding:** The project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

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**Other Agencies Who's Approval May be Required:** None

**Public Hearings:** August 8-9, 2006, at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, California 95403

**Attachments:** Initial Study; and Proposed Orders No. R1-2006-0042 and R1-2006-0043, **Watershed-Wide Waste Discharge Requirements for Timber Harvest Activities Conducted by, or on lands owned by, the Green Diamond Resource Company in the South Fork Elk River Watershed**

**How to Submit Comments:** The lead invites comments on the proposal from all interested persons and parties. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on July 19, 2006 to be included in the written response to comments. Written comments should be addressed to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board at the address/fax provided above. For more information contact: Mark Neely (707) 576-2689, or [mneely@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mneely@waterboards.ca.gov)